

# Urban Studies Concentration Worksheet

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Engaged Scholar Certificate Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

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**It is strongly encouraged that ALL concentration requirements be taken for a grade, with the possible exception of the research methods requirement.**

Please use this worksheet to record your concentration requirements and bring it to your meeting with your advisor.

## 1. Introduction (1 course required)

- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 0220 City Politics
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0210 The City: An Introduction to Urban Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0230 Urban Life in Providence: An Introduction (1st Year Seminar)

## 2. Research Methods (1 course required)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1940 Ethnographic Research Methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ APMA 0650 Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- \_\_\_\_\_ APMA 1650 Introduction to Probability and Statistics with Calculus
- \_\_\_\_\_ APMA 1655 Introduction to Probability and Statistics with Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ APMA 1660 Statistical Inference II
- \_\_\_\_\_ CPSY 0900 Statistical Methods in Psychology
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECON 1620 Introduction to Econometrics
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDUC 1230 Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis (form. EDUC 1110)
- \_\_\_\_\_ IAPA 1500A Ethnographic Research Methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHP 1501 Essentials of Data Analysis
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1600 Political Research Methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1020 Methods of Social Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1100 Introductory Statistics for Social Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1100 Investigating the City: Hands-on Research Methods for Urban Analysis

## 3. Basic Curriculum

### a) Core Courses (Total of 3 core courses required)

(of these courses, it is required that they are in at least 3 disciplines, such as American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, History of Art and Architecture, Literature, Political Science, and Sociology, as well as Urban Planning when staffing allows)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1201 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1236 Urban Life: Anthropology In and Of the City
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1255 Anthropology of Disasters
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1553 Energy and Power
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECON 1410 Urban Economics
- \_\_\_\_\_ EEPS 1320 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems for Environmental Applications
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 0100N City Novels

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- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 0700R Modernist Cities
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 0710T Reading New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1711D Reading New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1105 Introduction to Environmental GIS
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1247 Clearing the Air: Environmental Studies of Pollution
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1400 Sustainable Design in the Built Environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1580 Environmental Stewardship and Resilience in Urban Systems
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0065 Introduction to the Built Environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0074 19th Century Architecture
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0081 Architecture of the House Through Space and Time
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0100 Introduction to Architectural Design Studio
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0710 The Other History of Modern Architecture
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0770 Architecture and Urbanism of Africa
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0850 Modern Architecture
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0860 Contemporary Architecture
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 0861 City & Cinema
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 1171 Cities, Landscapes, and Design in the Age of Pandemics
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 1533 Cities & Inequality Since 1920
- \_\_\_\_\_ HMAN 1973V How to do things with Maps: Cartography, Power and Political Imagination, from Gilgamesh to Google
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 0220 City Politics
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1310 African American Politics
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1320 Urban Politics and Urban Public Policy (was URBN 1270)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1330 Remaking the City
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1340 Principles and Methods of Geographic Information Systems
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0074 19th Century Architecture (History of Art & Architecture)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0214 The U.S. Metropolis: Cities and Suburbs in American History (American Studies or History)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0215 Urban Life in the Global South (Anthropology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 0217 Metropolis: The Architecture and Urban Design of Global Cities (History of Art & Architecture)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1000 Fieldwork in the Urban Community (Sociology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1140 Urban Theory and Practice (History of Art & Architecture)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1250 The Political Foundations of the City (Sociology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1251 Municipal Money (Sociology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1260 Housing in America (Sociology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1290 Race, Racism, and the Urban Environment (Sociology)

### **b) Seminars (3 Seminars required)**

(concentrators are required to take at least 2 of their 3 seminars in URBN-designated courses)

Indicate which seminar will be your capstone: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ EDUC 1250 Policy Implementation in Education (formerly EDUC 1650)
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDUC 1620 Urban Schools in Historical Perspective (formerly EDUC 1720)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1762 City Spaces, City Memories
- \_\_\_\_\_ ETHN 1751F Race in U.S. Cities and Suburbs
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1875 The Nature of Cities
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1926 Wasted: Rethinking Chemical Environments
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 1850H Berlin: Architecture, Politics and Memory
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 1910A Architecture of Downtown Providence from Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 1910H Memory, Monuments, and Identity in American Urbanism
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 1952C Latino Urban History
- \_\_\_\_\_ IAPA 1701F Wealth and Poverty in the New American Metropolis
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1820A American Political Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1822S Politics of Urban Transformation
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 0310 Theory and Practice of Engaged Scholarship (ESP Seminar ONLY)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1870Z Urban Sociology: Neighborhoods, Crime, and Punishment
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1871W Geographical Analysis of Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1871X Comparative Urban Political Economy
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1873G The Geography of Urban Inequality
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870A American Culture and City
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870D Downtown Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870G Ancient Cities: From the Origins Through Late Antiquity
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870J The Politics of Community Organizing
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870K Jerusalem Since 1850: Religion, Politics, Cultural Heritage
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870M Urban Regimes in the American Republic
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870N The Cultural & Social Life of the Built Environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870Q Cities in Mind: Modern Urban Thought & Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870T Transportation: An Urban Planning Perspective
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870X The Political Economy of Cities: American and Comparative Perspectives
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870Y American Political Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1870Z Housing Justice
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1871A Heritage in the Metropolis: Remembering and Preserving the Past
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1871B Berlin: Global Metropolis (1945-2020)
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1871E Urban Development and Governance in the Global South
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1871F Urban Ecologies: Forms, Flows and Futures
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1871G Urban Asia: Beyond Tradition, Modernity, and Crisis
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1872 The Right to the City: Focus on Indonesia
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1932 The Just City: Installment I, Comparative Perspectives on Juvenile Justice Reform
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1934 The Just City: Installment II, Crossroads and Congregations
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1936 The Just City: Installment III, Speculative and Animated Futures
- \_\_\_\_\_ URBN 1943 The Real Estate Development Process: An Entrepreneurial Lens

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### 4. Complementary Curriculum (Total of 2 courses required)

a) or b) a) Any course from Sections 1 or 3 and not used to meet those requirements

b) OR Any of the following from recent listings of courses around the University

- \_\_\_\_\_ AFRI 0600 Race, Gender, and Urban Politics
- \_\_\_\_\_ AFRI 1075 Providence Housing Ecosystem, Development, Displacement and Gentrification
- \_\_\_\_\_ AMST 1611A Making America: Twentieth-Century U.S. Immigrant / Ethnic Literature
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1301 Anthropology of Homelessness
- \_\_\_\_\_ ARCH 1900 The Archaeology of College Hill
- \_\_\_\_\_ EAST 0533 Beyond Gangnam Style: Seoul, Dislocation, and Search for Place
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECON 1370 Race and Inequality in the United States
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDUC 1240 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (formerly EDUC 1100)
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDUC 1430 Social Psychology of Race, Class, and Gender (formerly EDUC 1330)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1050S Writing the City
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1180Y City Journalism
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1710I Harlem Renaissance: The Politics of Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 0070C Transcending Transportation Impacts
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 0705 Equity and the Environment: Movements, Scholarship, Solutions
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1410 Environmental Law and Policy
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENVS 1555 Urban Agriculture: The Importance of Localized Food Systems
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIAA 1307 Politics and Spectacle in the Arts of Ancient Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 0690C Cities of the Global South
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 1310 History of Brazil
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST1961D Heaven Above, Suzhou and Hangzhou Below: Urban Culture in Early Modern China
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 1979L Urban History of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ IAPA 0170K Geography of Uneven Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ IAPA 1201D Social Entrepreneurship (formerly IAPA 1803E)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHUM 1805 Making the Invisible Visible: Global Urban Typologies in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1821V Democracy and Inequality in American Cities
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1824D Power and Prosperity in Urban America
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLS 1826A Space, Time, and Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ RUSS 1440 Imagining Moscow: Utopia and Urban Spaces in 20th-Century Russian Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 1270 Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the Modern World

5. OR any RISD course approved by the Urban Studies Program each semester (two maximum)

6. OR any course taken at another university in the US or abroad and approved by the Urban Studies Program each semester (two maximum)

### 5. Honors (2 additional courses required)

Candidates for Honors must have above average grades (**3.8 GPA in concentration**) and shall apply for this distinction in writing to the Director of the Program by the middle of the second semester of their junior year. They shall include a cover letter with a brief statement of the intended research proposal as well as the name of the member of the Urban Studies faculty who would serve as their advisor and with whom they must work closely. Twelve courses are required for Honors concentrator, two in addition to the ten courses required for a standard program. During the Fall and Spring of the senior year, honors candidates must complete two additional courses beyond the ten courses required by the regular concentration: **URBN 1981 Senior Honors Thesis I in Urban Studies(S/NC)** and **URBN 1972 Senior Honors Thesis II in Urban Studies (grade)**. The candidate's final thesis must be of outstanding quality in order to qualify for honors.

## **Thematic Clusters in Urban Studies**

The Urban Studies concentration does not have set tracks, but we do offer courses across a range of **thematic clusters** that enable students to hone their skills, deepen their knowledge, and discover new interests in our highly interdisciplinary program. There are currently eight thematic clusters: *Urban Communities and Social Movements*; *Built Environment, Architecture, Planning, and Design*; *Urban Ecologies*; *Historical Urbanism*; *Urban Politics, Policies, and Economies*; *Global Urbanisms*; *Urban Arts and Humanities*; and *Urban Education*.

Students are encouraged to take three or more of their concentration requirements in one of the thematic clusters that speaks to their primary interest in urban studies and two or more courses from two or more other thematic clusters. This helps to ensure that students will graduate with **both a breadth and depth of knowledge** in the field of urban studies.

For example, a student interested in *Urban Communities and Social Movements* might take 3 courses in this field to anchor their studies, complemented by 2 in *Urban Ecologies*, 2 in *Historical Urbanism*, and 1 in *Global Urbanisms* to craft a well-rounded degree. (You will also notice that some classes are grouped under more than one cluster.)

These thematic clusters are not requirements, but rather a **navigational tool** to help students and advisors understand – and make the most of – the diverse course offerings in our program.

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### **Urban Communities and Social Movements**

URBN0215 Urban Life in the Global South  
URBN1000 Fieldwork in the Urban Community  
URBN1260 Housing in America  
URBN1280/1871A Heritage in the Metropolis  
URBN1290 Race, Racism, and the Urban Environment  
URBN1870J Politics of Community Organizing  
URBN1870Z Housing Justice  
URBN1871A Berlin  
URBN 1871G Urban Asia  
URBN1932-6 Just City I, II, III  
ANTH1236 Urban Life: Anth in and of the City  
SOC1330 Remaking the City  
SOC1870Z Urban Sociology: Neighborhoods, Crime, and Punishment  
SOC1873G The Geography of Urban Inequality

### **Urban Ecologies**

URBN1871F Urban Ecologies: Forms, Flows, Futures  
ENVS1105 Intro to Env GIS  
ENVS1400 Sustainable Design in the Built Environment  
ENVS1580 Environmental Stewardship and Resilience in Urban Systems  
ENVS1926 Wasted: Rethinking Chemical Environments  
ENVS 1875 The Nature of Cities

### **Built Environment, Architecture, Planning, and Design**

URBN0074 19<sup>th</sup> Century Architecture  
URBN1140 Urban Theory and Practice  
URBN1870D Downtown Development  
URBN1870N The Cultural and Social Life of the Built Environment  
URBN1870T Transportation: An Urban Planning Perspective  
URBN1943 Real Estate Development Process  
HIAA0065 Introduction to the Built Environment  
HIAA0074 19<sup>th</sup> Century Architecture  
HIAA0081 Architecture of the House Through Space and Time  
HIAA0710 The Other History of Modern Architecture  
HIAA0770 Architecture and Urbanism of Africa  
HIAA0850 Modern Architecture  
HIAA0860 Contemporary Architecture  
HIAA0861 City and Cinema  
HIAA1850H Berlin: Arch, Politics, Memory  
HIAA1910A Arch of Downtown Providence

### **Global Urbanisms**

URBN0215 Urban Life in the Global South  
URBN1870K Jerusalem Since 1850  
URBN1871G Urban Asia  
URBN1871A Heritage in the Metropolis  
URBN1872 The Right to the City, Focus on Indonesia  
ANTH1236 Urban Life: Anth in and of the City  
HIAA0081 Architecture of the House Through Space and Time  
HIAA0710 The Other History of Modern Architecture  
HIAA0770 Architecture and Urbanism of Africa

## **Historical Urbanism**

URBN0214 The US Metropolis  
URBN1870A American Culture and the City  
URBN1870G Ancient Cities  
URBN1870K Jerusalem Since 1850  
URBN1870N The Cultural and Social Life of the Built Environment  
URBN1870Q Cities in Mind: Modern Urban Thought and Theory  
ETHN1751F Race in U.S. Cities and Suburbs  
HIAA0065 Introduction to the Built Environment  
HIAA0074 19<sup>th</sup> Century Architecture  
HIAA0081 Architecture of the House Through Space and Time  
HIAA0710 The Other History of Modern Architecture  
HIAA0770 Architecture and Urbanism of Africa  
HIAA0850 Modern Architecture  
HIAA0861 City and Cinema  
HIAA1850H Berlin: Arch, Politics, Memory  
HIST1533 Cities and Inequality Since 1920  
HIST1952C Latino Urban History

## **Urban Education**

EDUC1250 Policy Implementation in Education  
EDUC1620 Urban Schools in Hist. Perspective

## **Urban Politics, Policy, and Economies**

URBN1250 Political Foundations of the City  
URBN1251 Municipal Money  
URBN1251 Urban Politics and Urban Public Policy  
URBN1870A American Culture and the City  
URBN1870M Urban Regimes in the American Republic  
URBN1870X Political Economy of Cities  
URBN1870Y American Political Development  
SOC1330 Remaking the City  
SOC1871X Comparative Urban Political Economy  
IAPA1701F Wealth and Poverty in the New American Metropolis  
POLS1310 African American Politics  
POLS1820A American Political Development  
POLS1822S Politics of Urban Transformation

## **Urban Arts and Humanities**

URBN1140 Urban Theory and Practice  
URBN1870A American Culture and the City  
URBN1870N The Cultural and Social Life of the Built Environment  
URBN1870Q Cities in Mind: Modern Urban Thought and Theory  
ENGL0100N City Novels  
ENGL0700R Modernist Cities  
ENGL0710T/1711D Reading New York  
ENGL1762 City Spaces, City Memories  
HIAA0861 City and Cinema  
HIAA1850H Berlin: Arch, Politics, Memory